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It Won't Do

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That won't do at all. All it would mean as far as this Province is concerned—if the figures arrived at are in any way accurate—is that the increase would cost us an extra 1 million dollars a year instead of two.

If it be a fact—we have seen no proof of it so far—that the Railways cannot pay their way without an extra \$60 millions a year in freight revenue, let the whole country pay the bill through the Federal Treasury Department.

Dilemma For Eisenhower

No one could blame President Eisenhower for wishing there was no such thing as a vicuna coat. Some months ago, it will be recalled, his close associate and adviser Sherman Adams was forced by public opinion to resign because he had accepted a vicuna coat, among other things, from a Boston industrialist...

No doubt, Mr. Eisenhower hoped that that would be the last he would hear about vicuna coats. But it wasn't. By a strange twist of circumstances, he himself has been offered one by an Italian tailor, Angelo Litrico...

It all happened innocently enough. Senator Litrico, who was going to the United States to attend a meeting in Chicago of the International Association of Clothing Designers, thought it would be a fine gesture if he were to take along a cashmere golf jacket and a blue vicuna coat for the President.

The recently adjourned session of the U.S. General Assembly may not be remembered for any great diplomatic achievement. It did, however, help to lessen the danger of a number of issues. To that extent, it cannot be called a complete failure.

Cost Of Strikes

The Economic League of Great Britain has been going into the matter of the economic consequences of strikes; and it has given out the following particulars.

In 1957 strikes in British industry resulted in the loss of 8,421,000 working days, the highest total since the general strike of 1926. A strike in a big meat market, involving about 2200 workers, raised the cost of living considerably.

Because Christmas Day falls on Thursday this year the Federal Government has included Boxing Day in its holiday list. However, as the Federal Government always observes Saturday as a holiday regardless of how many non-working days there might be in a week, it has stretched the Yuletide holiday into three days.

This year has been noted for major strikes in this country. It would be interesting to know approximately what they have cost the nation in loss of wages, wasted time, curtailed output and so on.

fits—when they do win—is probably more than offset by loss of wages over a long period. In any case, on the other hand, loses a great deal every day the plants are idle.

Competitive Research

The race for outer space continues, with the United States and the Soviet Union in particular devoting much money and energy to this great scientific challenge.

One way for the United States to gain prestige, according to Dr. Ramo, would be to discover a cure for cancer. "If we were to find a cure for cancer," he told a recent meeting of the U.S. Rocket Society, "it would be as much a propaganda victory for the United States as Pioneer (the rocket which recently penetrated 79,000 miles into space)."

About 255,000 people in the United States die of cancer every year. In Canada the figure is around 20,000 annually. In many countries, cancer causes more deaths than any other illness except diseases of the heart.

EDITORIAL NOTES

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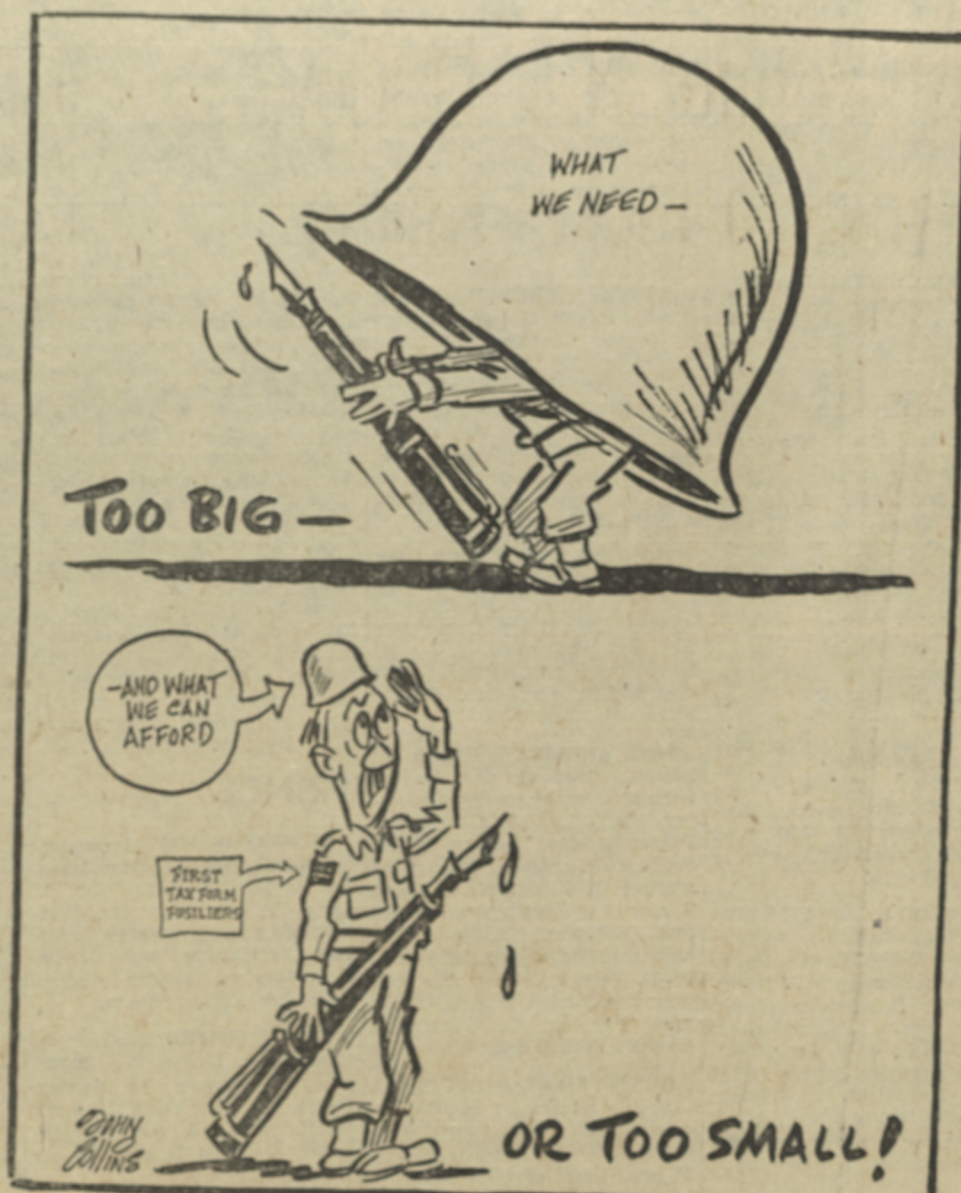
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DEFENCE COMES IN TWO SIZES

OTTAWA REPORT

No Shrinking Violets

By Patrick Nicholson

Our politicians were their hearts on their sleeve—and one never quite knew which sleeve—in those far-off happy days, before party registration had made them into what have been called "performing seals".

The Canadian Parliamentary Companion of 1878 reveals this very clearly, in the full and fearless semi-autobiographical notes on our 'ten Senators and M.P.s."

The Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, described himself as a Liberal and said that he looked forward to "that political peace which will enable us to discuss politics in a respectable way".

One M.P. expressed his pious hope of advancement by disclosing that he "had been mentioned as a probable successor to the Minister of Agriculture".

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(Dec. 19, 1933)

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The similarities of beliefs and practices between the Essenes and early Christians are striking. Both groups, thinking that the end of the world was near, lived with the aim of "salvation." Both worshiped as communities; both composed a new literature embodying their religious beliefs; and, as persecuted minorities, both considered themselves the "true Israel" or community of the New Covenant.

archaeologist A. Douglas Tushingham in his Geographic article, "The Men Who Had the Dead Sea Scrolls."

The excavations, begun in 1951, have unearthed evidence of a self-sufficient culture. Pottery fragments, shallow basins for cleaning and mixing clay, and kilns still containing wood ashes show the industry of the Essenes.

Many of the still-intact scrolls owe their preservation to the sturdy earthen jars made 2,000 years ago.

In 1958 archeologists explored an oasis two miles south of Khirbat Qumran. Excavations uncovered a large building with storage rooms, near-by cattle enclosures, and a stone-supported shed that was used as a barn or perhaps for drying dates. The complex seems to be the remains of an agricultural branch or farm of the Essene settlement.

From this oasis, the Essenes constructed an aqueduct system to draw water to the Qumran community. They crisscrossed their settlement with channels emptying into cisterns and baths. A main religious ritual was the

New Disease Of The Lungs

By Herman N. Bundenen, M.D. WE ARE always coming up with new drugs to combat old diseases.

Well, now we have a new disease. It is a disease of the lungs and has been tentatively designated as "alveolar protosisis." It is characterized by a stoppage of the air sacs (alveoli) by a protein-like material rich in fats.

RECENTLY REPORTED It was reported recently by five doctors whose diagnosis was based on specimens taken during biopsies or autopsies on 27 patients from all sections of the United States, and one patient each from Canada, England and Italy.

The first reported case was observed at Massachusetts General Hospital five years ago. However, most of the cases concerned in the study have been reported within the past three years. And the number of cases has been increasing in recent months.

EIGHT DEATHS The latest report I have shows there have been eight deaths. This is a minute figure, of course, when compared to the fatalities caused by cancer, heart disease and other diseases of long standing. But certainly "alveolar protosisis" is something we have to recognize and cope with.

In three of the patients who died doctors found that a fungus disease was superimposed on the original condition. At the onset of some cases, there are symptoms generally associated with pneumonia.

Most common complaint of the patients is shortness of breath. This usually is accompanied by a cough.

Many doctors assume this new disease is caused by inhalation of a foreign substance since thus far no micro-organism has been detected which can be considered as a cause.

The only clue we have which might even point toward an injurious inhalant is that four of the 30 patients worked in lumber yards and that two others were electricians.

YOUNG ADULTS Most of the victims were young adults between the ages of 20 and 40. One, however, was a child of 2½ who probably never had been near a lumber yard in his young life.

Although last reports indicate that five of the patients were showing improvement, we can't say yet how much to help them. SUPPERS IMPOSSIBLE Antibiotics or corticosteroids don't seem to help. And since the disease generally spreads through both lungs, surgery is impossible.

This new disease could develop into a real problem in the future. QUESTION AND ANSWER C. A.: What would cause a person's pupils to dilate? Eye specialists find no eye disease or organic trouble.

Answer: The pupils normally dilate under poor light conditions in order to admit more light to the eye. Certain drugs and some emotional states will also cause dilatation.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Most women have a strong sense of humor.—Calgary Herald

Sign in tailor's window: "Don't just stand there and faint at these prices. Come in and have a good fit."—Galt Reporter

The Liberal party in Ontario is girding itself for another battle with its own particular problem of perma-frost.—Hamilton Spectator

A Polar bear was sighted by trappers, standing between the rails near Mooseonee—awaiting Arctic development, no doubt.—Ottawa Journal

Things will have come to a pretty pass when it takes longer to get from downtown to a Canadian airport than it takes to fly from that airport to Britain on a jet.—Ottawa Journal

"I always believe in weighing my words before speaking," said Mrs. Hobson. "And you don't give short weight, either," said her husband.—Ottawa Journal

Sportsmen are arguing for a lengthening of the present trout season. Some of us would also argue for a lengthening of the available trout.—Kingston Whig-Standard

Some of these young squirrels may yet be telling their grandchildren how they used to ride to school without a windshield wiper on the back windows.—Brandon Sun

Food experts say adolescents need bigger breakfasts. The adolescents of today, if given bigger breakfasts, would have a tough time surviving beyond their adolescence.—Windsor Star

Meals in collapsible containers, designed for space travelers, may be the food of the future, with the candidate of 1980 promising a chicken in every toothpaste tube.—Chicago News

An Australian surgeon had made a study of why aborigines in that county stand on one leg—an inquiry on all fours with why Old Father William consistently stood on his head.—Ottawa Report

It used to be the custom in Hamburg for the citizens to assess their own taxes. That was not a bad deal for the city because many a citizen made out a higher tax return than necessary in order to increase his credit rating and his standing.—Pocket Book of Hamburg

STORM DELAYS LINER NEW YORK (AP)—The liner America arrived Wednesday from Bremerhaven 24 hours late because of an eastern Atlantic storm. Capt. Frederick Fender said westerly winds of 50 to 75 miles an hour and high seas caused the ship to reduce speed for 48 hours to about eight knots.—"Practically hove to."

—Constance I. Hecker

Whoever heard of a small town's alcoholic anonymous? Irish Digest, Dublin

Most of our profanity is years old, we are informed. We had no idea golf was that old.—Brandon Sun

The Russians want the Western Powers to leave Berlin and the West Berliners want the Communists to depart. Some slogans will be appearing on the walls: "O.K. Everybody stay"—Winnipeg Tribune

Money is like music. It comes round and round. Every dollar and every cent is multiplied in its tasks as it circulates through pocket to store, back to the store and out again to buy and sell again.—Fredericton Gleason

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